

The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Editor
SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 16, 1855

The New York *Sunday Mercury* is of the opinion, that unless this Journal takes a decided stand for or against one of the candidates for the Chief Engineership who may be in the field, it will be "spiritless and of no force," and that a "Journal in any city advocating the interests of the firemen, must be antagonistic to somebody." Well now, that might all do very well in the city of New York, but would not answer here, even were the "responsible" of the Journal not of official position. The firemen here are composed of different material, the predominant ingredient of which is "an obedience to the will of the majority." When a man is elected to the office of Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department, all opposition ceases and the bitterest of his enemies bury the hatchet and rally round him to support his administration while he is in power. They do not pursue the same course as that which has characterized a portion of the New York Fire Department, of which the *Mercury* is its mouthpiece, in keeping up and fanning into a more destructive flame, a hostility to the Chief, while in office, which only clogs his administration, endangers the effectiveness of the organization he controls, and which has been the means of bringing down to the ground a Department which has stood unrivaled for years. Had the New York Fire Department, through its leading members and those journals professing to be its organs, pursued a conciliatory course towards Mr. Carson, and forgotten their likes and dislikes until the proper time came to announce them, the anarchy and confusion which has reigned in that Department for years would never have taken place, and the herculean efforts made in and out of the Legislature of the State to improve its organization, show conclusively that it stood upon a precipice which would require but very little additional weight to overthrow it entirely, a state of affairs brought about by that opposition to the powers that be, which has distinguished the course of the *Mercury*, and which, by intimation, this Journal is advised to pursue. But we will have none of it, and for two reasons: The first is, that the Department here does not require it; the second is, there are a sufficiency of subjects of far more interest to write about.

The Firemen of this city are intelligent men and are capable of judging for themselves, know the difference between right and wrong, and in regard to the election of Chief Engineer, unless the proof was positive that the parties running were disreputable and unworthy to fill the office, renders a newspaper of "spirit and force." On the contrary, we think such action degrades it, we believe none can be attained by putting the enemy kindly, then by poking him up with anger.

The Department of this city was organized for a specific purpose, the saving of life and property, it is not a political machine, neither can it be used to attain political ends, and in the elevation of its officers to position, politics never enter the arena, which, we regret to say, has been otherwise in the city of New York. The *Mercury* may rest assured that, although we have announced that we will take no part in the politics of the Department, this Journal will never look calmly on and witness the elevation of any man to the position of Chief whose character will detract anything from its present reputation and usefulness.

The *Town Talk*, two or three days since, in answering a correspondent, concurred in the propriety of tendering a complimentary benefit to Miss Davenport, prior to her departure for the States. In regard to this particular case of Miss D. we have not a word to say. We entertain too high an appreciation of her character as a lady and an actress to utter a single remark which would wound her feelings, and none regret more than we do, that she did not reap that reward in this country which her eminent abilities entitled her to; but the fact cannot be disguised, that complimentary benefits are getting to be well understood in this community, and reflect no particular credit upon the reputation of the recipients, and it is time that their had arrived.

Every reputed "Star," whatever line of business they may be proficient in, whether their forte lies in the "Moon Lit" scene of Romeo and Juliet, the death scene of "Richard," or the dagger seen by Macbeth, whether Signora this, or Madame that, can pitch their voice one note higher in the scale than the other, or that Monsieur or Mme. can cut a more artistic pigeon wing or hold their legs up longer and higher in the air than their rivals, whether Patrick O'Flaherty or Rio Hudson can tell out the brogue the best, or whether the "Eclipses" is superior to any other of the same stock, all must, after they are laid down with the gold of California, have a complimentary benefit tendered them for the purpose of evincing the appreciation of the people for the honor done the State in bagging its gold. Pah! we are sick of them, tendered in nine cases out of ten, by those who leave the outsiders to step up to the box office and settle. Why does not the *Town Talk* and those papers who are so desirous of tendering complimentary benefits, advocate one to be given in aid of the Orphan Asylum of the city, and those societies (for they exist among us) who seek out the aged and infirm for the purpose of rendering them assistance, such a benefit, advocated, carried out and rendered successful through the efforts of the press, would reflect far more credit on them than one to those, who, after they have received for the amount accrued, leave the city without leaving a dollar behind them in charity. The charitable inclined are desirous of giving somebody a benefit at other people's expense, let them give one in aid of Mrs. West, whose husband, and only support was brutally taken from her by the hand of a murderer. There is a splendid opportunity for those who are "Complimentary Benefit" inclined.

(Since the above has been in type we have read the leader in the *Chronicle* of yesterday, every word of which we cordially coincide with.—Ed.)

Mr. Cobb presented to the Board of Delegates on Wednesday evening last, a set of splendid engravings depicting the life of a fireman.

We have been favored with a view of the design of the new Engine House intended for Pennsylvania Engine Company No. 12, which we like exceedingly.

The disposition of the architects (Messrs. Craine & England) in this building has been to divide it into large and spacious apartments, to effect this the lower story is to consist of two rooms, one for an engine room, which is to be twenty-two feet wide, by a depth of forty-five feet, and the other for a committee room, seventeen feet deep. The second story is to consist of a library and a large meeting room, which from its proportions and character of finish, will form one of the most agreeable and convenient rooms in the city, the dimensions being in length and breadth the same as the engine room, and the height to the apex of the arched ceiling being eighteen feet. The interior is to be finished in a good and complete manner, and in conformity with the general character of the building.

The front on Jackson street is to be as elaborate as the dimensions and nature of the building will admit. The line on the street is to be broken by the projection of the centre portion, in which there is to be a large door-way leading to the immediate portion of the building which is appointed for the engine, and the receding portions on either side are to contain small doorways for the admission of visitors. Immediately over the principal doorway there will be a large bay window, which is to be divided into two compartments, and will be twenty-five feet in height, and over the side doors there are to be niches designed for the statues of Penn and Franklin.

The entire front is to be surmounted with a parapet of cut stone, the centre portion being elevated above the sides, which gives character and symmetry to the building. The various mouldings, panels and devices are to be formed with brick and cement, which with the entire front will be finished in imitation of stone.

The testimony elicited in the case of Edward Stewart, one of the Bell Ringers on the City Hall Bell, proves that the cupola on the Hall is entirely unfit for the purposes intended. The windows are placed at the four points of the compass, and between each window is a wooden pier larger than the windows themselves, obstructing the view of a large portion of the city. The ladder leading from the look out to the bell is unsafe, and should be constructed so that the Bell Ringer could run up and down rapidly, without the fear of slipping off and losing his life. A year ago something was said about putting up an iron railing around the outside of the cupola, so that the Bell Ringers could have a clearer view of the city during the night, as they could then stand on the outer platform without fear of accident. But the iron railing has not yet made its appearance. The frame work of the bell is out of order, and particularly that portion attached to the clapper, had the Bell Ringer been compelled to ring it a dozen tops more during the late fire, the whole thing would have fallen down, and he probably would have lost his life. We are of the opinion that the Bell Ringers have done wonders in discovering and giving the alarm for fire as quick as they have since the bell has been elevated, considering the disadvantages they labor under. Mr. Kenney, one of the Bell Ringers, testified that some portions of the city, and the most inflammable portion of it too, being on high ground, was even with the look-out on the City Hall. Under these circumstances, we are more impressed with the idea that Brennan Place is not the proper locality for a bell tower, but that those two extremes of the city, at Bush and Powell streets, and Stockton and Filbert streets, are the best localities, the ground being high, every portion of the city could be taken in at a glance.

We have been informed by the residents of the second ward, in the neighborhood of Hyde and Vallejo streets, where the powder magazine is located, that the "institution" has been a decided nuisance, and a terror night and day to those living near to it. One informant states, that at all hours of the day parties are engaged in the magazine, unpacking powder, and that on more than one occasion while engaged in the work, outsiders have come up and stood in the doorway and looking in at the windows, while smoking—and that a negro who has charge of the building has several times for the sake of amusement, brought out packages of gunpowder, buried them in the earth near the magazine, and having laid a train at a convenient distance set fire to the same. When it is taken into consideration that about one hundred tons of powder are stored in the building we speak of, and such carelessness as alluded to above, is allowed, there is no wonder the residents became terrified and ask that the dangerous nuisance be abated. We think that the Common Council is the proper authority to inquire into the matter, and if all that is alleged is true, (and we have no reason to doubt it,) demand that more care be taken or pass an ordinance removing the powder magazine away from all thickly settled localities. A hundred tons powder exploding at one time, would cause a much greater crash than that which even attended the late bell failures, and would be more deadly in its effect.

There are too many false alarms of fire occurring in this city productive of no other result than fatigue to the Firemen. These alarms are gotten up by outsiders, and not by members of the Department, being invincible, yet they are not infallible, and are just as liable to be thwarted for a while, as any other organization. The confounding the fire to the burnt district, fully endorses every encomium that has been passed upon the San Francisco Fire Department, by its citizens.

June 15th, 7 P. M.—Alarm from Monumental Bell. The entire Department out. Large quantity of smoke seen issuing from building corner Kearny and Jackson streets—no damage.

Confidence Engine Company No. 1, of Sacramento, have accepted an invitation of Knickerbocker 5, of this city, to become their guests on the occasion of their visit on the 31 July. From the well known reputation of the "Fives" for courtesy and liberality, the Confidence Company, we are assured, will be elegantly entertained.

At a meeting of California Engine Company 4, held on Tuesday evening last, Messrs. J. W. Lees, J. Schultz, M. D. Boruck, Chas. R. Bond and Adam T. Greene, were elected Trustees to superintend the construction of the new house.

Mons. Bernadelli and Madam M. Thierry have been engaged, and will appear on Monday evening next, at the American Theatre. A more delicate, graceful, and lady like *danceresse* than Madam M. we have never seen, and her accession, as also that of Mons. B. to the stock company of the American, cannot fail to be mutually productive of pleasure and profit.

The Pennsylvania Engine Company No. 12 took their Engine and Carriage a day or two since to the new scale lately erected by J. Donohue, the coal yard on Battery street, near Greenwich, to be weighed, when the Engine, with suction, wrenches, &c., ready for service, was found to weigh 4,801 lbs., and the Carriage, with 800 feet of hose on the cylinder, 1,580 lbs., making the total weight of Engine and Carriage as they are run by the Company, 5,881 lbs.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THIS WEEK.

June 9. 7 P. M.—Alarm from Monumental Bell basket charcoal under restaurant corner Sacramento and Leidesdorff streets; all the Department out; Engines 3, 4, 6 and 7 in service—no damage.

June 10. 7 P. M.—Hall Bell alarm; (taken from Trinity Church Bell) sixth district; frame building in Trinity place—no damage.

June 10. 10 P. M.—Alarm from "Vigilant Bell," fire discovered in the rear of a frame building, seventy-five feet from Kearny on Jackson street, caused by the ignition of the bell clothes, upon which an inebriated Mexican woman was sleeping, the candle on her table having fallen over on the bed. By the time the alarm was given, and with the help of a strong breeze, and owing to the combustible nature of the surrounding buildings, the flames spread with great rapidity, making a passage through the block bounded by Jackson, Dupont, Washington streets, Stout's and St. Louis alleys—and also eating its way into Dupont street. The foremen of the various companies as they came upon the ground, took most excellent positions to control the flames, and by their united efforts, untiring work, and the discipline of their men, succeeded in getting the fire under control in about three-quarters of an hour after the alarm was given.

The fire spread across Stout's alley, consuming the frame buildings at the rear of the brick houses on Stockton street, while, had it not been for the well directed stream of the Vigilants, and bravery of their pipeman, would inevitably have been consumed, and a much greater amount property sacrificed.

The fire was arrested on Jackson street, at a brick building at the corner of Stout's alley, and a more complete man-trap than the said brick building, we have never seen, and it should not have been allowed to be reconstructed in its present unsafe condition; it is a wonder that several of the firemen were not killed by its crumbling walls.

The fire on Dupont street was checked at a brick building in the centre of the block. The brick building on Stout's alley, also prevented the fire from spreading to Washington street. Pretty nearly all the frame buildings in the centre of the block were destroyed, and it should be a source of gratification to the citizens that an ordinance in effect which prevents the erection of frame buildings in the burnt district.

A motion that the Board proceed to investigate the charges was adopted. The defendant Mr. Stewart was admitted into the bar.

A communication was received from C. P. Duane, Chief Engineer, charging Edward Stewart, one of the Bell Ringers on the City Hall Bell, with delay in ringing the district during the fire on Wednesday morning, and striking the wrong note.

Mr. Sinton, from the Committee relative to the Department Physicians, reported progress, and Dr. Moore, from the Committee on the requirements of the Department, made a lengthy report, which was referred back to the Committee.

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

At 103 Montgomery street we notice a recent receipt of gentlemen's fashionable wearing apparel, embracing every desirable article, in the latest style and of the best quality. Mr. Blum furnishes to his customers such articles of underwear as cannot be surpassed in any country. Give them a call.

The International Hotel is now in full tide of successful operation by the attentive landlords, Messrs. Peck and Fisher. Their bill of fare would be difficult to beat, and their pleasant rooms and clean bedding give comfort to the boarder or transient patron.

Gianni, at the Plaza Bakery and Saloon, opposite the Plaza, furnishes, at almost a moment's notice, orders for parties, weddings, families and hotels. His establishment is conducted in such excellent style as to command a full share of business.

To those of our friends from the country who are laying in supplies of drugs and chemicals, we would suggest the propriety of calling on B. B. Thayer & Co., before making their purchases. This firm fill all orders for the trade at manufacturer's prices.

A beautiful assortment of upholstery, paper hanging, carpets, &c., can be had of W. M. Hixon, of 172 Clay street, who constantly receives the latest styles, which he disposes of at prices that no one can find fault with.

We have reason to know that the Havana Segars imported by H. C. & T. L. Horn, are about as good as any gentleman should desire to smoke. Their store is at 25 Front street.

We go in for the encouragement of home manufacture, and would therefore recommend J. Berry & Co., who make carriages, wagons, &c., as good as the best imported, and as cheap as the cheapest.

The Fourth of July is approaching, when banners, flags, &c., will be in demand. Mrs. C. Pieron, the national and fancy flag maker, can furnish any description and every variety, almost immediate notice. Her store is on Howard street, just below Stockton street. To insure a beautiful article send in your orders early.

The Empire Furniture Warerooms, recently removed to 131 Washington street, contain a supply of furniture equal to all demands. Messrs. Bryant, Elpis & Winger assert that they are now selling goods from 20 to 25 per cent. lower than ever.

Bradshaw & Co. continue to receive by each arrival, Wines and Liqueurs and every description of groceries suitable for the market, which they dispose of at lower prices than ever. Call on them and see.

Every description of musical instruments can be had at the famous establishment of Daniel H. Douglass, successor to Atwill & Co., Washington street. The stock now on hand of Pianos, Melodeons, &c., is large and choice.

Those who wish to spend an hour or two in healthy exercise, can experience that gratification at the "Excelsior," on Montgomery street, between California and Pine. Messrs. Tucker & O'Brien have fitted up their establishment in a style not surpassed by any other in the State.

Nos. 4280, 81652, 77811, 85228, 3368, drew the five highest prizes in Mayer's Raffle yesterday.

MARRIED:

In this city, on the 10th June, by Rev. H. P. Gallager, Mr. John C. Doherty, to Miss Mary Ellen Doherty.

In this city, on the 10th inst., by Rev. Dr. Scott, Mr. Adolphus Gustavus Beck to Mrs. Maria Weston.

In Astoria, O. T., on the 8th inst., by Rev. Dr. Yantis, Mr. Charles J. Braham, of San Francisco, to Miss Betty, eldest daughter of Gen. John Adair.

At San Jose, on Tuesday morning, May 21st, at 9 o'clock, by Rev. Elihu C. Smith, Daniel Porter to Miss Anna Augusta Nichols, of that city.

Also, on the same morning, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Eli Corwin, Mr. Joseph O. Melico to Miss Rachel Cleverton, all of San Jose.

DIED:

In this city, at 7 o'clock on the evening of June 10, Louis H. wife of Gen. C. Culhane, late of New York city, and daughter of Erastus Spofford, of this place.

In this city, June 10th, of consumption, after a long illness, Mrs. Elizabeth Corry, wife of James Hyland, late of New York, and daughter of County Kildare, Ireland, in the 32d year of her age.

In Marysville, June 10th, Robert Bloomer Buchanan, in the 32d year of his age.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

An Adjourned Stated Meeting of the Board of Delegates will be held on Thursday evening next, June 21st, at 7 o'clock. The punctual attendance of every member is requested.

By order,

MARCUS D. BORUCK
Secretary S. F. D.

HER MONUMENTAL SAVING FUND ASSOCIATION
The regular weekly meeting will be held on this (Saturday) evening, at 7 o'clock. By order,

R. A. Flis, Secretary

CARD.—The officers and Members of CALIFORNIA ENGINE COMPANY, No. 4, beg thus publicly to tender their thanks to Mr. Chas. Kohler, of No. 232 Washington street, also to the ladies of his family; to Capt. Macdonald, and to Peck & Fisher, of the International Hotel, for their bounteous supply of refreshments furnished the Company while on duty at the fire on the morning of 13th inst.

By order of the Company,

A. T. CREEK, Sec'y

St. FRANCIS TUCKER, June 14th, 1855.

At a Special Meeting of St. Francis Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, it was unanimously resolved—that votes thus far tendered to Dr. Precht, Wm Kohler and ladies of his family, Mr. & Mrs. John Salomons and Jacob Van Straten, Esq., for the liberal and substantial sum of \$1000, be returned to the firemen of the 13th inst.

JACOB EZKIEL, Secretary.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, S. F. FIRE DEPARTMENT.

\$250 REWARD will be paid for the recovery and conviction of the persons who stole the St. Francis Hook and Ladder truck from the house on the night of the 21st of May, (the fire being at Rincon Point) and leaving it in Sacramento street, while under way, thereby badly damaging it. All persons having any information in relation thereto, will please communicate the same to CHARLES P. DUANE, Chief Engineer S. F. D.

STATE AND COUNTY LICENSEES.—For Quarter commencing June 1st, 1855.—Notice is hereby given to persons transacting business in the County of San Francisco, that the State and County Licenses for the quarter commencing June 1st, 1855 is now due, and immediate settlement is requested, or they will be subject to a penalty of from \$20 to \$200.

GEORGE W. GREEN, County Treasurer.

Office—111 City Hall. June 1st, 1855.

INFORMATION WANTED of William V. Brown, who left New York in July, 1849, for California. When last heard from, he was at Coloma, El Dorado County. His sister is now in this city, and any one having knowledge of his whereabouts, will please send the same to this office.

(Sacramento Union copy.)

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CITY TAXES.

Public Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the Statute, and in conformity with City Ordinance, I have, on this 7th day of June, 1855, levied upon all the real estate upon which the City Taxes have not been paid, and if not settled forthwith, I will be obliged to advertise and sell the same at public auction, for the total amount of the Taxes, together with the costs and damages which may have accrued thereon.

H. T. BATTURAS, City Tax Collector.

Office, City Hall—Office hours, from 10 to 3 o'clock. 10

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To those of our friends from the country who are laying in supplies of drugs and chemicals, we would suggest the propriety of calling on B. B. Thayer & Co., before making their purchases. This firm fill all orders for the trade at manufacturer's prices.

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CHILDREN: "A GENTLEMAN."

There is a word in the English tongue,
Where I'd rather it were not,
Persons and lies from it have sprung,
And heart-burns fierce and hot.
"Tis a lie, a lie for a dirty soul—
"Tis a sanguiney for a dirty soul—
Where the fool and knave themselves may save
From Justice and disgrace.
"Tis a curse on the land—deny it who can?
That self-same boast, "I'm a gentleman!"

It means (if a manning definite)
Can I'd to a fooling soul?

A hand that's white and small;
A head well bruis'd, and a shirt well wash'd,
A lacy, heartless stare;

Spouse a name that sounds
With the true patrician air.

These are all you want—deny it who can?

To attain the rank of "a gentleman!"

But with those claims you may take your ease,
And lounge your long life through,
Without straining a muscle, a nerve, or a thought,
For the world is at your feet.
You may be a dolt, or a brute, or rogue,
(In a gentlemanly way);

You may drink, you may bet, you may run in debt,
And never wish to pay;

These are all you want—deny it who can?

For all the sins of "a gentleman!"

Yet may have a wife, with her children six,
(In a ditch or in a palace rick);

And a mother's name, in a palace rick;

With jewels and gold to shine.

You may flog your horse or your dog to death—

You may shun, in all of rage,

A hand that's white and small;

You'll meet from the jury sage.

"There's been provocation—deny it who can?

For we see at a glance he's a gentleman!"

Yet it's not for the thousand bulls above
(Though they rample and gore);

But the myriad flocks, the marsh below,

The hand that's white and small;

Spouse a name that sounds

The aspiring reptile's hue;

These are all you want—deny it who can?

I've been, but I've lived like a gentleman!"

EXTRACTS.

The first thought of a girl upon receiving an offer, is about her wedding-dress.

"That's my impression," as the die said to the dollar.

The young lady who "took the eye of everybody," has been arrested for stealing.

Men usually follow their wishes till suffering compels them to follow their judgment.

Bitter are domestic sweets which are preserved in family jars.

Solomon knew several things, allowing for his age, but I could teach him a few others.

A genius in New Bedford is fitting up a steam-er for the purpose of towing icebergs to India, where they sell for six cents a pound.

A ship recently sailed from Liverpool for Australia, with a "cargo" of 262 unmarried females.

Quite a valuable cargo. Hope they may get there safe.

An eminent painter was asked what he mixed his colors in with in order to produce so extraordinary an effect.

"I mix them with brains, sir!" was his answer.

A Yankee has just taught ducks to swim in hot water, and with such success that they lay boiled eggs. Who says that this is not an age of improvement?

An editor out West offers his entire establish-ment, subscribers, accounts, &c., for a clean shirt and a good meal of victuals. He has been trying the experiment of endeavoring to please everybody.

Love the moon, for she shines in the night, to give us light in the day, whereas the sun only shines in the day time, when there is plenty of light, and his assistance is not wanted. Such is the difference between real and false charity.

The wife of a colonel, at a review in Dublin, was stopped by a sentry, and told him she was "the colonel's lady." "No matter for that, ma'am," said the sentry, "if you were his wife, you could not pass."

Miss Lillie Linden, Editor of the Ladies' Repository of Richmond, has published her inheritance to Mr. Moore, Editor of the Norfolk Courier for libel, he having published the most gross charges against her character.

Punch says, "The Americans must allow that we stomp them. They indeed, have a party of Know Nothings, but we have a whole parliament of Do-othings, who do nothing because they know not what to do."

It is the principle of modern legislation to treat usury as an evil that cures itself, and needs no law for its prohibition. Perhaps the best advice to the possible victim to money lending swindlers, to keep wide awake, and as a safe-guard against usury, use-your-eye.

A good anecdote is told of an old Methodist presbyterian, who, in his dotage, used to say, "While to one of his appointments, he met an old acquaintance, who was one of the magistrates of the county. He asked the minister why he didn't do as the Saviour did—ride an ass—

"Because," said the divine, "the people have taken all to make magistrates of."

At Cambridge a lady came on board as the train was about starting, who, while taking leave of her feminine acquaintance, still holding her hand, regretted that she could not give her a kiss.

You cannot still have an opportunity, remonstrating with the gallant conductor, making signal to the engine, who backed up, when the parting friends took a kiss.

The London News of the 12th of April has an elaborate article on the shipping of the world, which shows that the floating tonnage of the civilized world, excluding only China and the East, consists of 180,000 vessels, of 500,000 tons—The number of seamen it sets down at 800,000, and including all the coasting and river vessels, of the maritime population of which we have no accurate, there must be at the least calculation a million of persons engaged at sea, and generally on the ocean.

"I called at Dr. Physick's office one day," writes a Philadelphia friend, "and found one of the most noted of our sexton-undertakers lying on a settee waiting for the return of the doctor. The easy familiarity of his position, and the perfect atheismenesse indicated, led me to say—

"Why Mr. Physick, have you gone into partnership with the dead?"

"Yes, he replied as he raised himself up, "we have been together sometimes—I always carry the doctor's work home when it is done."

There is a Parisian dandy who, we think, rather outdoes his predecessor:—

"C—had at his residence a complete costume of the latest fashion, offering an attention to one of the fair sex, he used to say, "Permit me to send you a bouquet by my black servant."

"He then repaired to his гарант, took out his black bottle, polished his face and hands, put on his livery, and knocked at the lady's door.

"Here," he said, "are some flowers sent by my master to madame."

"He had sent me last week five frames in the picture, which he was so delighted with the picture, that he presented a lozen to the bearer."

That is a clear pocketing of three dollars, and a lady's favor into the bargain.

At the hotel the other evening, a young and fully mustached dandy from New York was seated at the tea-table, at rather a late hour, when a bar-keeper came in and took a seat opposite. The dandy dropped his knife and fork, tipped back his chair, and, gazing at the bar-keeper, ex-claimed,

"Well, does the help up with a gentleman in this house?" "No sir," was the reply.

"What, are not you the bar-keeper?" "Yes sir."

"Well a bar-keeper is help as much as the scrub girl."

"True," replied him of the toddy stick, "but I did not enter the hall until I looked in and saw that he was not a gentleman at the table."

Here the conversation ended. Mustache was fixed.

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